

Application Number 10/008,243
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A device comprising:

a medical device; and
a pouch comprising an anchor that fastens the pouch to the medical device, the pouch containing an electrode.

Claim 2 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein the medical device is a defibrillator.

Claim 3 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein the medical device is a defibrillator-monitor.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The device of claim 1, wherein the medical device is an external defibrillator and the electrode is an external defibrillation electrode for placement on a patient's skin.

Claim 5 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein the pouch is hermetically sealed.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the anchor is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the anchor fastens the pouch to the medical device non-permanently.

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Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, the medical device comprising a mating member that receives the anchor.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, the pouch further comprising:
a notch proximate to the anchor, the anchor on one side of the notch; and
a handle on another side of the notch that, when pulled, causes the handle to move away from the anchor and causes the pouch to tear at the notch.

Claim 11 (Original): The device of claim 1, further comprising:
the electrode;
a lead wire coupled to the electrode; and
a connector coupled to the lead wire.

Claim 12 (Original): The device of claim 11, the medical device including a receptacle that receives the connector.

Claim 13 (Original): The device of claim 11, the electrode further comprising:
a right electrode; and
a left electrode.

Claim 14 (Original): The device of claim 1, the medical device including a lip that engages the pouch.

Claim 15 (Original): The device of claim 1, the pouch comprising an instructive picture that illustrates opening the pouch.

Claim 16 (Original): The device of claim 1, the pouch comprising an instructive picture that illustrates placement of the electrode on a patient.

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Claim 17 (Currently amended): A device comprising a pouch containing a defibrillation electrode, the pouch comprising a handle that when pulled causes the pouch to tear open.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 17, the pouch further comprising a notch proximate to the handle, the pouch tearing at the notch when the handle is pulled.

Claim 19 (Original): The device of claim 18, wherein the handle is on one side of the notch, the pouch further comprising an anchor on another side of the notch.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The device of claim 18, further comprising a tear strip proximate to the notch, wherein causing the pouch to tear open comprises causing the pouch to tear along the tear strip.

Claim 21 (Original): The device of claim 17, wherein the handle has a ring shape.

Claim 22 (Original): The device of claim 17, wherein the handle is oriented to facilitate pulling in a defined direction.

Claim 23 (Original): The device of claim 17, the pouch further comprising an instructive picture that illustrates opening the pouch.

Claim 24 (Original): The device of claim 23, wherein the instructive picture includes a symbol representing the handle and wherein the symbol and the handle are of the same color.

Claim 25 (Original): The device of claim 17, wherein the handle includes directional arrows.

Claim 26 (Original): The device of claim 17, the pouch comprising an instructive picture that illustrates placement of the defibrillation electrode on a patient.

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Claim 27 (Original): The device of claim 17, the pouch containing a second defibrillation electrode, the pouch comprising an instructive picture that illustrates placement of the defibrillation electrodes on a patient.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): A method comprising:
sealing a defibrillation electrode in a pouch; and
constructing a handle on the pouch that when pulled causes the pouch to tear open.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 28, further comprising forming a notch in the pouch proximate to the handle, the pouch tearing at the notch when the handle is pulled.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 29, wherein constructing a handle on the pouch comprises constructing a handle on one side of the notch, the method further comprising constructing an anchor on the pouch on another side of the notch.

Claim 31 (Original): The method of claim 28, wherein constructing a handle on the pouch comprises attaching the handle to the pouch.

Claim 32 (Original): The method of claim 28, further comprising printing an instructive picture on the pouch illustrating opening the pouch with the handle.

Claim 33 (Original): The method of claim 28, further comprising printing an instructive picture on the pouch illustrating placement of the electrode on a human figure.

Claim 34 (Original): The method of claim 28, further comprising:
coupling a lead wire to the defibrillation electrode; and
passing the lead wire through a sealed entry point in the pouch.

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Claim 35 (Currently amended): A device comprising:

a defibrillation electrode;

a human figure printed on the defibrillation electrode; and

an electrode symbol printed on the human figure,

wherein the human figure is oriented on the defibrillation electrode at an angle so that when the defibrillation electrode is applied to a patient with the head of the patient and the head of the human figure in the same direction, the defibrillation electrode will be oriented at the angle, wherein the angle defines proper placement of the defibrillation electrode on the patient for defibrillation therapy.

Claim 36 (Original): The device of claim 35, wherein the human figure is oriented on the defibrillation electrode at an angle so that when the defibrillation electrode is applied to a left side of the chest of the patient with the head of the patient and the head of the human figure in the same direction, the defibrillation electrode will be oriented at the angle.

Claim 37 (Original): The device of claim 35, wherein the defibrillation electrode is a left defibrillation electrode, the device further comprising:

a right defibrillation electrode; and

a liner affixed to the left defibrillation electrode and the right defibrillation electrode.

Claim 38 (Original): The device of claim 37, wherein the color of the liner is distinct from the colors of the left and right defibrillation electrodes.

Claim 39 (Original): The device of claim 35, further comprising:

a liner affixed to the defibrillation electrode; and

an icon printed on the defibrillation electrode that illustrates peeling the defibrillation electrode from the liner.

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Claim 40 (Original): The device of claim 35, wherein the defibrillation electrode is a left defibrillation electrode, the device further comprising:

- a right defibrillation electrode;
- a second human figure printed on the right defibrillation electrode; and
- a right electrode symbol printed on the second human figure.

Claim 41 (Currently amended): A method comprising:

- printing a human figure on a defibrillation electrode; and
- printing an electrode symbol on the human figure on the defibrillation electrode,

wherein the human figure is oriented on the defibrillation electrode at an angle so that when the defibrillation electrode is applied to a patient with the head of the patient and the head of the human figure in the same direction, the defibrillation electrode will be oriented at the angle, wherein the angle defines proper placement of the defibrillation electrode on the patient for defibrillation therapy.

Claim 42 (Original): The method of claim 41, wherein the human figure is oriented on the defibrillation electrode at an angle so that when the defibrillation electrode is applied to a left side of the chest of the patient with the head of the patient and the head of the human figure in the same direction, the defibrillation electrode will be oriented at the angle.

Claim 43 (Original): The method of claim 41, wherein the defibrillation electrode is a left defibrillation electrode, the method further comprising:

- affixing the left defibrillation electrode and a right defibrillation electrode to a liner.

Claim 44 (Original): The method of claim 43, further comprising printing an icon on the left defibrillation electrode that illustrates peeling the left defibrillation electrode from the liner.

Claim 45 (Original): The method of claim 43, wherein the color of the liner is distinct from the colors of the left and right defibrillation electrodes.

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Claim 46 (Original): The method of claim 41, wherein the defibrillation electrode is a left defibrillation electrode, the method further comprising:

printing the human figure on a right defibrillation electrode; and
printing a right electrode symbol on the human figure on the right defibrillation electrode.

Claim 47 (Currently amended): A device comprising:

a right defibrillation electrode including a first instructive picture; and
a left defibrillation electrode including a second instructive picture,
wherein the first instructive picture includes a right electrode symbol on a first human figure, the first human figure oriented in a first direction relative to the right defibrillation electrode, and

wherein the second instructive picture includes a left electrode symbol on a second human figure, the second human figure oriented in a second direction relative to the left defibrillation electrode, and wherein the first direction is different than the second direction.

Claim 48 (Original): The device of claim 47, further comprising a liner affixed to the right defibrillation electrode and the left defibrillation electrode.

Claim 49 (Original): The device of claim 48, wherein the color of the liner is distinct from the colors of the left and right defibrillation electrodes.

Claim 50 (Original): The device of claim 47, wherein at least a portion of the right electrode includes a first color, at least a portion of the left electrode includes a second color, the right electrode symbol includes the first color and not the second color and the left electrode symbol includes the second color and not the first color.

Claim 51 (Original): The device of claim 47, wherein the left electrode symbol is oriented in the first direction.

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Claim 52 (Currently amended): The device of claim 47, wherein the second human figure is oriented on the left defibrillation electrode at an angle so that when the left defibrillation electrode is applied to a patient with the head of the patient and the head of the second human figure in the same direction, the left defibrillation electrode will be oriented at the angle, wherein the angle defines proper placement of the left defibrillation electrode on a left side of the patient for defibrillation therapy.

Claim 53 (Currently amended): A method comprising:
obtaining a pouch containing a defibrillation electrode; and
tearing opening the pouch by pulling a handle.

Claim 54 (Original): The method of claim 53, further comprising pulling the handle as shown in an instructive picture.

Claim 55 (Original): The method of claim 53, further comprising removing a liner from the defibrillation electrode.

Claim 56 (Original): The method of claim 53, further comprising placing the defibrillation electrode on the chest of a patient.

Claim 57 (Original): The method of claim 56, further comprising placing the defibrillation electrode on the chest of the patient as shown in an instructive picture.

Claim 58 (Original): The method of claim 56, further comprising placing the defibrillation electrode on the left side of the chest of the patient at an angle as shown in an instructive picture.

Claim 59 (Original): The method of claim 56, further comprising placing the defibrillation electrode on the chest of the patient and orienting the head of a human figure on the defibrillation electrode in the same direction as the head of the patient.